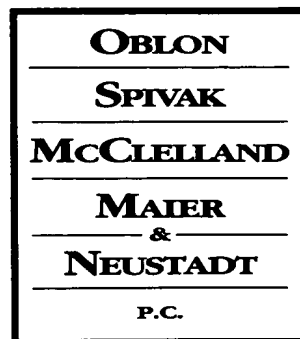


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Response to Restriction and Election of Species Requirement

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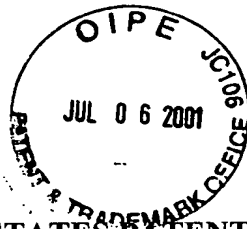


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated June 20, 2001, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-16 and 18-19. In addition, Applicants elect, with traverse, atopic dermatitis as single disclosed species of an allergic disorder. Claims 1-20 read on the elected species.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-16, and 18-19, drawn to animal models of allergy, methods of making said animal models and methods of using said animal models to screen agents; and

Group II: Claims 17 and 20, drawn to methods of treating or preventing allergy by administering an agent.

In addition, the Office is also requiring election of a single disclosed species of an allergic disorder from: a) atopic dermatitis, b) atopic asthma, c) conjunctival allergy, d) allergic rhinitis, e) food allergy, f) urticaria, g) contact dermatitis, h) allergic reactions to